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Joe Hulsey

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December 1, 2005 10:22 AM

Senator Patty Murray U.S. Senate 173 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Murray:

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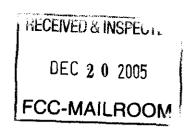
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#### Sarah Tesch

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December 1, 2005 11:08 AM

Senator Barbara Boxer U.S. Senate 112 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sarah Tesch

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Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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#### MARLENE DEBAUFRE

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November 30, 2005 11:38 PM

Senator Paul Sarbanes U.S. Senate 309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Sarbanes:

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December 1, 2005 10:26 AM

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Senator Mel Martinez United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Martinez:

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Loren McCullough

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### Stephen Linck

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Senator Barbara Mikulski U.S. Senate 503 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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# Charles Baker

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Representative Lincoln Davis U.S. House of Representatives 410 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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John Lynch

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December 1, 2005 11:04 AM

Representative Greg Walden U.S. House of Representatives 1210 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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# The State Senate

Atlanta, Georgia 30334

December 14, 2005

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The Honorable Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW The Portals Washington, D.C. 20554

Re:

Alltel Communications, Inc. ETC Petitions,

CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 05-3005

Lowndes County, Georgia

## Dear Madam Secretary:

Access to affordable telecommunications services is critical for rural consumers. Rural consumers rely on the utility and convenience of mobile telecommunications services for voice communications, email and internet access, and emergency services. Increasingly, consumers expect their wireless phones to work, regardless of their location, yet the cost of serving rural areas can be prohibitively expensive. In recognition of this fact, Congress and the FCC have established a competitive universal service system that allows eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) to receive support for providing service in rural areas.

Alltel Communications, Inc. (Alltel) has filed an application with the FCC seeking ETC status in rural areas of the State of Georgia, I strongly support Alltel's application for the following reasons that I will more fully explain below: (1) the value of universal service as a national goal will be preserved and enhanced by making funding available for wireless services that consumers increasingly rely on for their telecommunications needs; (2) rural communities and consumers, in particular, will benefit having access to wireless services throughout the designated service areas; and (3) Alltel has a strong commitment to rural America, but will not be able to implement its universal service plans to the benefit of rural communities and consumers without designation as an ETC.

The value of universal service as a national goal will be preserved and enhanced by making funding available for wireless services that consumers increasingly rely on for their telecommunications needs. Today, a consumer's concept of connection to the public switched network has shifted from connection to locations to connection to consumers themselves. Several factors confirm the importance of wireless service to consumers, including: growth in wireless and flattening or decline in wireline penetration; growth in wireless usage and declines in wireline usage; substitution of wireless for wireline access and usage; declining wireless prices; and

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The Honorable Marlene Dortch December 14, 2005

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wireless service characteristics that are of value to consumers. In keeping with this paradigm shift, universal service is no longer preserved and advanced by funding only network connections via wireline facilities. Instead, the public interest is doubly served by wireless services being eligible for universal service funding.

Rural communities and consumers, in particular, will benefit having access to wireless services throughout the designated service areas. Universal service is a government policy for the benefit of rural communities and consumers. This policy can only be successful if it evolves to meet the needs of rural communities and consumers. Today, rural communities and consumers need access to wireless services. Whether able to make and receive calls at home, on the road, or in an emergency situation, wireless service improves in the lives of rural consumers. Furthermore, a rural community's economic development depends upon wireless service, and many consumers will not reside in an area that does not have access to wireless service. The prominent role wireless services have been playing in the recovery and rebuilding of the Gulf Coast areas devastated by Hurricane Katrina underscores this point. Universal service funding for wireless services will allow rural America to keep pace with urban areas in terms of access to comparable telecommunications services.

Alltel has a strong commitment to rural Americans in Lowndes County, but will not be able to implement its universal service plans to its customers there without designation as an ETC. Alltel has a strong track record of serving rural America. Designation as an ETC in non-rural areas has benefited these communities and consumers. Expanding Alltel's ETC designation to rural areas will result in the construction of new facilities to assist these unserved areas, such as Lowndes County, access to services needed in rural areas, such as expanded calling areas, internet and email access, and better service quality.

I urge the FCC to expeditiously grant the applications of Alltel for designation as an ETC in **Lowndes County.** 

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Golden State Senator District 8



#### Virginia Bohler

1101 W. County Rd. 800 N., Brazil, IN 47834

December 1, 2005 10:32 AM

Senator Evan Bayh U.S. Senate 463 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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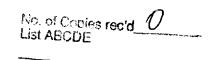
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# Jerald Kirklan FCC - MAILROOM

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December 1, 2005 9:17 AM

Senator Tom Coburn U.S. Senate 172 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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December 1, 2005 9:15 AM

Senator Frank Lautenberg U.S. Senate 324 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Senator Mike DeWine U.S. Senate 140 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Eva J. Pettit

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#### Pamela Yeh

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December 1, 2005 10:45 AM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Clinton:

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#### James Hossman

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December 1, 2005 10:49 AM

Senator Robert Byrd U.S. Senate 311 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Byrd:

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James Hossman

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December 1, 2005 10:15 AM

Representative Bill Thomas U.S. House of Representatives 2208 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Representative Thomas:

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Sincerely,

Jeanne Smith

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#### Irene McDonald

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December 1, 2005 11:00 AM

Senator Jon Kyl U.S. Senate 730 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Kyl:

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Sincerely,

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November 30, 2005 11:24 PM

Representative Dan Burton U.S. House of Representatives 2185 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Representative Burton:

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Sincerely,

Stephen Clark

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## Marshall Snoddy

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December 1, 2005 10:36 AM

Senator Jim Demint U. S. Senate 340 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Demint:

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#### **Donald Ring**

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December 1, 2005 10:19 AM

Senator Jon Kyl U.S. Senate 730 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

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Sincerely,

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#### Naomi Miller

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December 1, 2005 11:11 AM

Representative Katherine Harris U.S. House of Representatives 116 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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#### **H Samuel Smith**

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December 1, 2005 11:10 AM

Representative Cliff Stearns U.S. House of Representatives 2370 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20554

# Dear Commissioners:

I write to you for your assistance in support of docket # 03-123 –the petition for captioned telephone service being mandated by the FCC.

My wife became disabled a number of years ago with a sudden onset hearing loss which keeps her from using a traditional telephone. This has greatly impaired her ability to work, communicate with friends and even for the two of us to keep in touch during the day. Because of constant tinnitus, she is unable to benefit from hearing aids. As a result, she finds herself pretty much isolated on a daily basis.

I encourage you to support a mandated captioned telephone which would re-open a whole world to my wife and so many others in New York State.

Sincerely,

Rod Prosser

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